

PATENT**REMARKS**

In the Office Action, claims 1-3, 6-8, 11-13, 18, and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0144701 to Mehra et al.

In the Office Action, claims 9 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Mehra et al. In view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0153951 to Ideker et al.

In the Office Action, claims 14 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Mehra et al.

In the Office Action, claim 15 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Mehra et al. in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0064062.

In the Office Action, claims 4, 5, and 17 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In response thereto, claim 1 has been cancelled and claims 2-4, 6, 7, 9-16, 18, and 19 have been amended. Accordingly, claims 2-19 are now pending. Following is a discussion of the patentability of each of the pending claims.

Independent Claim 4

In the Office Action, claim 4 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, claim 4 has been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of base claim 1. It is respectfully submitted that amended claim 4 is in condition for allowance.

Dependent Claims 2, 3, and 5-16

Claims 2, 3, and 5-16 depend from claim 4 and are similarly patentable. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that these claims are in condition for allowance.

PATENT**Independent Claim 17**

In the Office Action, claim 17 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, claim 17 has been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of base claim 1 and intervening claim 16. It is respectfully submitted that amended claim 17 is in condition for allowance.

Independent Claim 18

For at least the same reasons for allowing claim 4, it is respectfully submitted that amended claim 18 is in condition for allowance.

Independent Claim 19

For at least the same reasons for allowing claim 4, it is respectfully submitted that amended claim 19 is in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above claim amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice of allowance is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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